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African art dealer charged with buying, selling illegal material Hundreds of carved pieces confiscated Amount of ivory 'staggering,' says US attorney {page 03}

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Art. Kalas statue

▶ The familiar smile of Harry Kalas will once again grace Phillies fans at Citizens Bank Park next month. A statue, a mold of which Metro got to see in October and pictured here, will be raised Aug. 14. {page 02}

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This heartbreaker is single again, but is anybody really that surprised? {page 08}

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Jeweler: Couple took rings, left child

The prosecutor in the case of a man and woman accused of robbing a South Street jewelry store and leaving their 4-year-old son behind said that one of the defendants tried to kill the store owner right in front of the toddler during opening arguments yesterday.

John Benson and Sheakia Stubbs are charged with stealing more than a dozen rings from Platinum and Ice on Feb. 27, 2010 with little Simir Stubbs in tow. The child was left behind when the couple allegedly fled and was taken to police by the store owner.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Lipscomb claimed that after store owner Yaniv Cohen gave chase after Benson slashed him in the throat with an unidentified object on Rodman Street and tried to stab him again.

Cohen testified that he did not see a weapon in Benson's hand, but noticed blood dripping from his neck.

"When I asked for the rings back, he tried to stab me again with a knife," he said.

Both Benson and Stubbs have pleaded not guilty. The prosecution will continue their case on Monday. SOLOMON D. LEACH

Kalas to return to CBP next month

- Seven-foot statue of iconic broadcaster finally gets place at ballpark
- Sculptor, fundraiser say bust in works since last year goes up Aug. 14

The Phillies will unveil a statue of iconic broadcaster Harry Kalas at Citizens Bank on Aug. 14 when the Washington Nationals come to town.

"He was a constant voice of so many peoples' summers," said Todd Palmer of nonprofit Dear Harry Inc., who has helped organize the statue fundraising. "Phillies players came and went — it's a business and your favorite player may get dealt the next year to another team — but Harry was the one thing that didn't change."

The statue will be presented in the plaza near the left field flag around 1 p.m. following a short dedication ceremony. After, the Phillies will play the Nationals, the same team they faced on the day Kalas died in the broadcasting booth April 13, 2009. The significance is not lost on Palmer.

"We wanted to have a game that meant something. I don't know if this was the case, but I thought maybe it was because the Nationals game was last game Harry called," he said. "At the end the end of the day, [Kalas] was the best baseball announcer there ever was, and he was ours for [so many] years."

A Phillies spokeswoman would only say that the team will issue a press release later this week.

PHOTOS: RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Metro captured the statue in its early stages last October at a Chester foundry.

More money needed

The foundation still needs to raise about $15,000 in donations to cover the cost of erecting the statue. The website is HarryKalasStatue.com.

"We're getting interested parties stepping forward to help out," said sculptor Lawrence Nowlan. "Now that it's a reality and there's excitement to it, I just have a feeling that people are going to step up and make sure we finish off the proper way."

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Heat deaths still rising

PHILADELPHIA. The heat wave last week that reached 105 degrees Friday may be over, but the death toll continues to rise, according to the city Health Department.

City Health Department spokesman Jeff Moran yesterday said there have been 15 heat-related deaths since last week, making a total of 19 so far this summer. METRO

Woman found in fire ruled murdered

MOUNT AIRY. Police have ruled the death of a woman found in a suspicious Mount Airy fire a homicide.

Rosalyn Daniels, 27, died from multiple stab wounds to the neck, back and face, police said. Daniels was discovered at about 12:30 a.m. Monday on East Cliveden Street. METRO/AW

In the news

PFD overtime spending up

Philadelphia's spending on overtime costs of city workers fell in 2011 compared to 2010, according to a study by the City Controller's office. But some departments saw significant increases, including the fire department, which spent $22 million on overtime, or $3.5 million more.

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News in brief

Cavalry on the way for PPD

CENTER CITY. Local lawyer and police advocate James Binns is donating two new horse trailers to the Philadelphia Police Department's Mounted Unit today as a part of his Hero Cops Program.

"The citizens of Philadelphia should support the police and firefighters because they're overworked, underpaid and underappreciated," Binns said.

The trailers, which are together valued at $48,000, will bolster the four mounted officers currently patrolling the streets and the two additional horses in training. "The hope is that the unit will quickly be built to a force of 25," Binns said.

Binns will donate the equipment during a ceremony on the Art Museum steps this afternoon with members of the Mounted Unit present. "There's nobody who doesn't' like a horse, except maybe a criminal," he said.

METRO/YD

Boy nearly drowns, critical

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. A 12-year-old boy remained in critical condition yesterday afternoon after he nearly drowned Monday night in a swollen creek off Saint Davids Road before he was rescued, Radnor police said.

METRO/AW

Illegal ivory deals conducted in Philly

Authorities allege Old City art dealer bought, sold hundreds of carvings Value of pieces in millions

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Illegal tusks

An Old City art store owner is free on $1 million bail after being charged by federal authorities yesterday with illegally importing and selling massive amounts of elephant ivory.

Authorities seized one ton of ivory originating from elephants in western and central Africa, which they called one of the largest seizures of ivory on record in the U.S. Prosecutors allege that Victor Gordon, 68, hired someone to travel to Africa to smuggle the ivory into the country through John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, and sold it at his African art store on North Third Street.

Despite international efforts to crack down on the poaching of African elephants, which are an endangered species, demand has soared, officials said.

"The amount of the elephant ivory allegedly plundered in this case is staggering and highlights the seriousness of the charged crimes," U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said yesterday.

Gordon pleaded not guilty at an arraignment yesterday in Brooklyn. Defense Attorney Daniel-Paul Alva claims his client collected most of the seized collection before a 1975 international treaty and the cache includes pieces given to him by his father.

"If there was any ivory that was after the embargo, he had it [not knowing] that it was post-embargo," Alva said. "He was hoping to start a museum of African art."

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Hundreds of carvings

What ivory?

Gordon, authorities claim, provided the unidentified smuggler with pictures of the carvings, and directed them to dye the ivory to make it look old so that it would not be detected. The government alleges the conspiracy took place from May 2006 until about April 2009.

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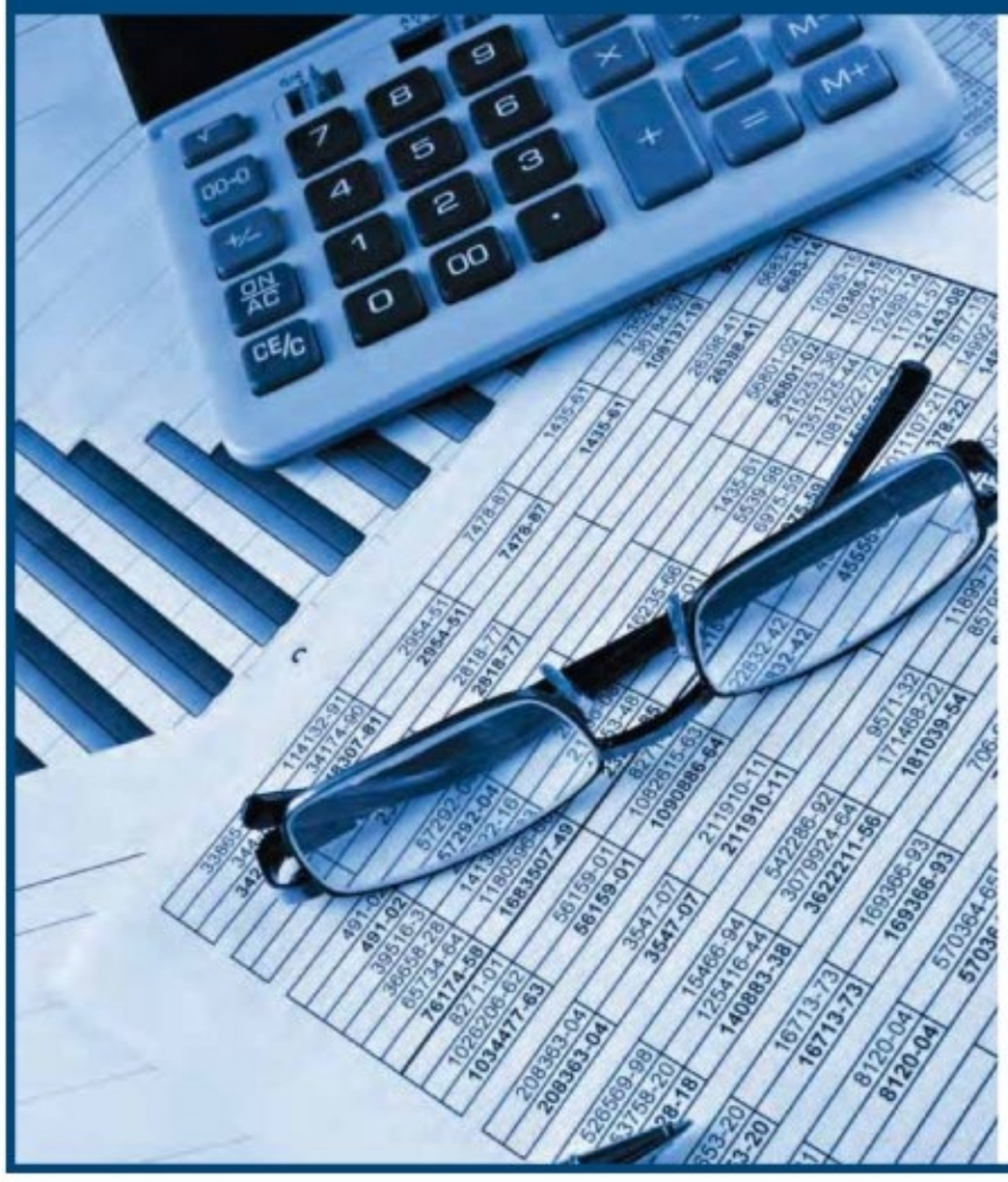

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Bull, Maddox square off in BBQ Challenge

Famous former Phils compete for 10th time with professional chefs and a large group of amateurs Charity cook-off takes place next month

Former Phillies Garry Maddox and Greg Luzinski were at Citizens Bank Park yesterday to announce the 10th annual Stephen Starr-Garry Maddox BBQ Challenge.

Fifteen city restaurants, along with a division of non-professional cooks, will compete to win World Series tickets — and bragging rights.

"Garry and myself are in constant rivalry, so I would say that we tie every year," said Luzinski, who owns Bull's BBQ inside the ballpark. "A tie's all right. I just don't want to lose, or I'd never hear the end of it."

"The whole event is about trash-talking. It goes along with barbecue. The bottom line is that kids are the beneficiary of all this exposure."
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Proceeds will be donated to the Youth Golf & Academics Program, a foundation Maddox founded to prepare K-8 children in urban neighborhoods for academic life by providing constructive after-school activities. "If you look across the nation, or even from a global perspective, this is a need that hasn't gone away over the years," said Maddox.

But he doesn't expect to take home a prize: "This is the 10th year, and I haven't won my own contest at this point, so I'm not going to win," he said. "But it's very competitive and a lot of fun."

The event is open to the public, who are invited to sample the entries, and includes prizes for best chicken, ribs and chef's choice. The barbecue will be blindly judged by a panel of local food celebrities and Phillies alumni.

Food

Stephen Starr-Garry Maddox BBQ Challenge

- Presented by Hatfield Quality Meats and KRAFT Barbecue Sauce
- Saturday, Aug. 13, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Citizens Bank Way before Phillies vs. Washington Nationals at 7:05 p.m.
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Luzinski, left, and Maddox will battle again Aug. 13.

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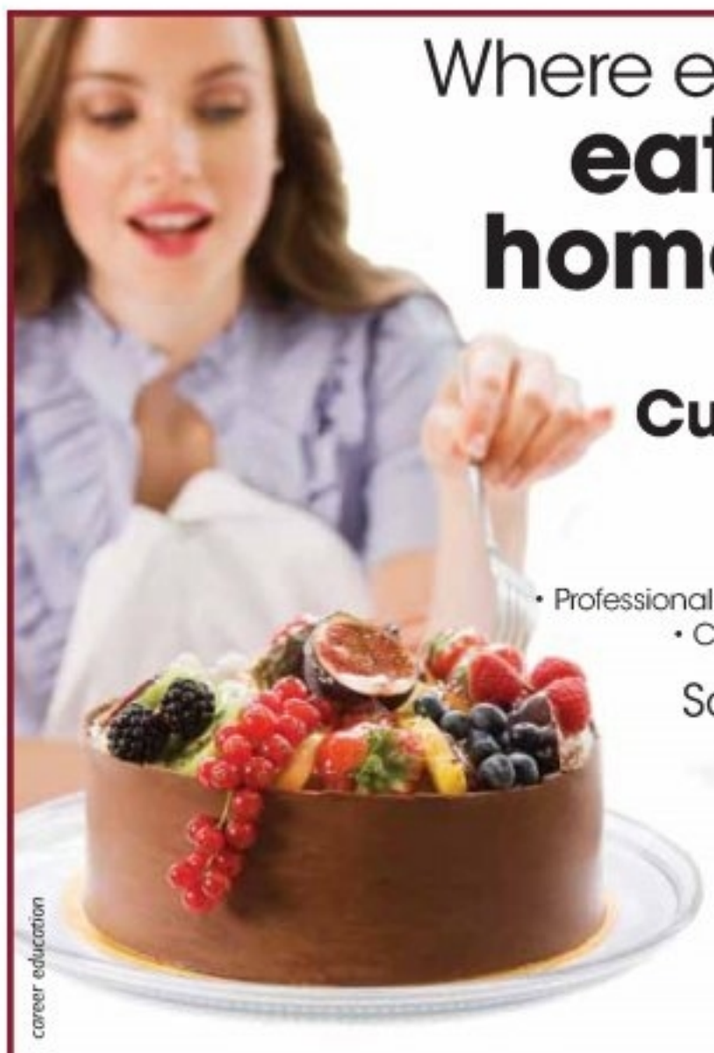

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Happy Meal gets apples, fewer fries

McDonald's Corp. said yesterday it will soon tweak its Happy Meals — reducing the french-fry portion by more than half and automatically adding apples to the popular children's meals — after coming under pressure from consumer groups to provide healthier fare.

McDonald's, which has been taking heat from parents, consumer groups and local lawmakers over the nutritional content and marketing of Happy Meals, said it would start making the changes in September. The new Happy Meals would be available in all of its 14,000 U.S. restaurants by the end of the first quarter of 2012.

1.1 oz
New child-size portion of fries, down from 2.4 ounces previously. It's about 100 calories.

The world's largest hamburger chain also plans a 15 percent reduction in sodium across its U.S. menu by 2015.

McDonald's currently offers apple slices with caramel dipping sauce as a Happy Meal side. The new apple portion size has no added sugar or accompanying dipping sauces. REUTERS

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Morroco. Tragedy

▶ Rescuers arrive after the Hercules C-130 aircraft crash.

Moroccan plane crash kills 78

At least 78 people were killed yesterday when a Moroccan military transport plane crashed into a mountain in the south of the country during bad weather, the military stated. Reports said there were three injured survivors so far from the crash. REUTERS

Lawmaker resigns over sex scandal

PORTLAND, ORE. Oregon Democratic Congressman David Wu, accused of an unwanted sexual encounter with a campaign donor's teenage daughter, said yesterday he will resign his seat to defend himself against "these very serious allegations."

The decision by Wu, 56, to step down came a day after he announced he would not seek an eighth term in office, as Nancy Pelosi, the top-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives, referred the matter to the House Ethics Committee for investigation. REUTERS

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IMF warns of default

EUROPE. A default or significant credit downgrade in the United States would be a "very, very serious event," IMF chief Christine Lagarde said yesterday, warning it could have far-reaching consequences.

The International Monetary Fund's managing director also pressed Greece to quickly implement rescue measures and a privatization program to keep its economy afloat.

Lagarde

"The clock is really ticking. And people have to really find the appropriate solution," she said of U.S. deadlocked talks on raising the debt ceiling by an Aug. 2 deadline.

"Default would be terrible for the United States and for the economy at large," Lagarde told the Council on Foreign Relations. She called on the United States to develop a credible fiscal adjustment plan to address its public debt but cautioned that near-term budget cuts could undercut an already sluggish economy. REUTERS

Voters blame both Obama, GOP on jobs

WASHINGTON. More than a third of Americans believe President Barack Obama's policies have made the U.S. economy worse, but they blame Republicans just as much, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll published yesterday.

The percentage of people who said Obama, a Democrat, has made the economy worse rose six points since October to 37 percent, the public opinion poll found.

But as many Americans blame Republicans in Congress for America's economic woes as they do Obama, the poll of more than 1,000 people found. REUTERS

Wall Street left idling as debt deal wheels spin

BILL CLARK/ROLL CALL

▶ Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell remains firm on not raising any taxes. "That's just not going to happen," he said.

▶ US credit may be downgraded if politicians don't act ▶ No compromise in sight ▶ Another recession looms

President Barack Obama's Democrats and their Republican rivals were further apart than ever yesterday in an impasse over America's debt limit as Wall Street braced for a looming U.S. default and credit downgrade.

"We just need a minimum amount of compromise, a minimum amount of not 'my way or the highway,' and we can get there this week."
GENE SPERLING, NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL HEAD

One week before a deadline to act, the two sides pursued competing budget plans that appeared to have little chance of winning broad congressional approval. There was no compromise in sight to raise the nation's $14.3 trillion debt ceiling by Aug. 2 to avert a default that could trigger global financial chaos.

With politicians in Washington starkly at odds, corporate America was growing increasingly nervous. Credit rating agencies have threatened to cut America's top-notch AAA bond rating if an increase in the debt limit is not accompanied by a plan for controlling long-term deficits.

A default and downgrade could push the United States back into recession and send shock waves through global markets.

Wall Street banks are preparing for the real possibility that the United States will lose its top credit rating, which they say will cost the country $100 billion in additional interest payments and hurt both consumers and the economy.

"That's a negative for growth," Mike Hanson, senior U.S. economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, told reporters. REUTERS

Market moment

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▶ A man walks by a statue decorated with flowers by a few of the 150,000 people who gathered nearby for a flower vigil to express their solidarity with the 76 victims of the July 22 twin attacks in Oslo and on the island of Utoeya yesterday.

Norway mass killer most likely insane, says defense lawyer

The lawyer of a Norwegian who killed at least 76 people in a bombing and a shooting spree said yesterday his client appeared to be a madman.

"This whole case indicated that he is insane," Geir Lippestad said of the 32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik, who has confessed to "atrocious but necessary" actions, but denies he is a criminal.

"He expects that this is the start of a war that will last 60 years," Lippestad said. "He has a view of reality that none of the rest of us share."

Lippestad, a member of the Labour Party whose youth wing was the target of shooting rampage on an idyllic island, said he would quit if Breivik did not agree to psychological tests. He says it's too early to say if Breivik would plead insanity at his trial.

Quoted

"He has no empathy, he is indifferent to the people he kills, he has no conscience and no remorse."

RAGNHILD BJOERNEBEKK, A RESEARCHER AT NORWAY'S POLICE SCHOOL, WHO SAID BREIVIK WAS DISCONNECTED FROM HIS VICTIMS

Yngve Ystad, a Norwegian forensic psychiatrist, said it was unlikely that Breivik would be found to be psychotic and thus unaccountable for his actions.

"He had planned the crime and he was not in that way disturbed by psychotic ... ideas because this has been going on for a very long time and, according to the press, he has not been disturbed or suffered severe disturbances." **REUTERS**

Beck riles for insensitivity

NEW YORK. Right wing commentator and political youth camp sponsor Glenn Beck has come under fire for comparing Norwegian mass murder victims with Nazis.

"There was a shooting at a political camp, which sounds a little like the Hitler Youth, or whatever," Beck said. "Who does a camp for kids that's all about politics? Disturbing."

Beck's 9/12 Project runs patriotic-style seminars across the nation. The Colorado chapter, for example, runs a "Constitutional Champions Summer Patriot Camp" for Republican youths. **METRO**

Not hunting attack bear

ANCHORAGE. Alaska wildlife managers have no plans to hunt down a bear that attacked a group of seven young backpackers over the weekend in a remote stretch of backcountry, a state biologist said.

The bear, believed to be a female with a cub nearby, probably acted to defend its young against a perceived threat when it attacked teenagers participating in a National Outdoor Leadership School expedition, said Lem Butler, a wildlife biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

"The bear does not pose an immediate risk to public safety," he said. **REUTERS**

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Fielder-Civil 'devastated' for many reasons

Despite their messy split in 2009, **Blake Fielder-Civil** is "devastated and shattered" by the news of ex-wife **Amy Winehouse**'s death, his current girlfriend, **Sarah Aspin**, tells the Sun. "I will never ever again feel the love I felt for her," Fielder-Civil reportedly told Aspin. "Everybody who knew me and knew Amy knew the depth of our love. I can't believe she's dead." Staff at the jail where Fielder-Civil is currently serving out a three-year sentence for burglary and firearm possession have been instructed to keep a closer eye on him. "He just can't take it in that she's dead and he'll never see her again," Aspin says.

Fielder-Civil, the man many blame for introducing Winehouse to hard drugs, might be shedding tears because he was left out of her will. The Daily Mail newspaper reports that Winehouse and her family made sure that Fielder-Civil was cut out of her $16 million fortune.

What's surprising isn't that Winehouse didn't leave anything for her ex, it's that she only had $16 million in the bank after the epic sales of the brilliant "Back to Black," which won three Grammy awards and spent 78 weeks on the charts. In comparison, **Kim Kardashian** has a net worth of around $35 million — for doing nothing. The world is an ugly place.

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▶ Fielder-Civil is photographed with Winehouse in 2007.

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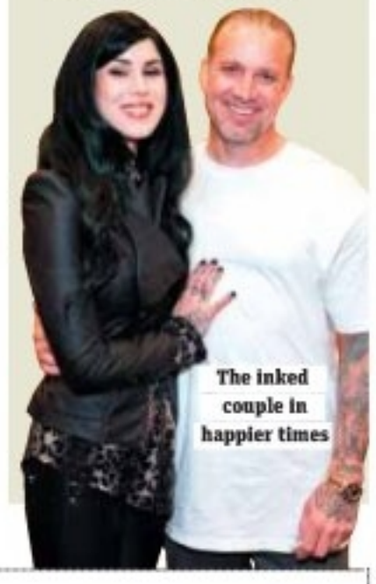
Jesse James' latest ex

Jesse James needs to stop making promises to women: He and **Kat Von D** have called off their engagement. Von D confirmed on Twitter: "I am no longer [with] Jesse, and out of respect for him, his family and myself, that's all the info I'd like to share." James, though, was willing to share a bit more, telling People magazine, "I'm so sad because I really love her." He claimed too much distance was the reason for the split.



The inked couple in happier times

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Arnold Schwarzenegger is waiting for his son to recover, Alec Baldwin is thinking about aging and Gary Shandling is worried about the economy.

▶ **@schwarzenegger**
Thanks for all your support for Christopher. It means a lot to me & to him. He's doing much better & we'll have him back at full speed soon.

▶ **@AlecBaldwin**
The older I get, the less young I feel.

▶ **@GarryShandling**
I thought America's debt crisies might be exaggerated, but I opened up a fortune cookie the other night, and it said. "We own you."

Alec Baldwin

Talking points

Has Arquette moved on?

While he and wife **Courteney Cox** have maintained their separation was not a divorce and likely not a permanent split, **David Arquette** seems to have moved on, according to People magazine. The "Scream 4" star hit Comic-Con in San Diego with **Christina McLarty**, "Girls Gone Wild" guru **Joe Francis**' ex-wife. The pair "danced the night away together" at a party hosted by Playboy on Friday before hitting another party Saturday night, sources say.

David Arquette

The messiest of all stage moms

"Gossip Girl" star **Leighton Meester** is suing her mother for allegedly misusing money the actress had been sending home for the care of her brother, according to People magazine. Instead, **Constance Meester** was allegedly using the $7,500 a month for cosmetic procedures and other personal expenses. "This whole thing's been really tough on Leighton," a source says. "Her only concern has always been taking care of her brother." The suit claims that Constance threatened to sue Leighton for $3 million if the actress didn't raise the monthly allowance to $10,000.

▶ Meester

New divorce papers for Arnold

Arnold Schwarzenegger reportedly refiled divorce papers, with the new documents not blocking **Maria Shriver**'s requests for spousal support and to have her attorney's fees covered, according to TMZ. Sources say Schwarzenegger signed the initial response without reading it, not realizing his lawyers had moved to block Shriver's requests.

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Winehouse's funeral and other celebrity spectacles

1: Katherine Jackson, La Toya Jackson, Tito Jackson, Jackie Jackson and Marlon Jackson held a press conference on Monday announcing a tribute concert honoring Michael Jackson to be held in Cardiff, Wales, on Oct. 8. No performers for the event were revealed. After the conference, Jermaine and Randy Jackson issued their own statement, saying the family should be focusing on the upcoming manslaughter trial surrounding Jackson's death — not planning a concert.

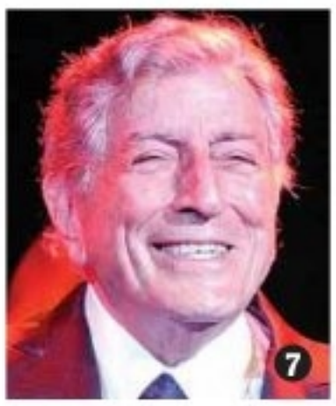
2: A beehived Kelly Osbourne joined Amy Winehouse's family and loved ones at London's Edgwarebury Cemetery yesterday for Winehouse's funeral.

3: Ryan Reynolds and Peter Sarsgaard attended the "Green Lantern" Germany premiere on Monday in Berlin.

4: Having a blue ball: Neil Patrick Harris, Hank Azaria and Jayma Mays attended the New York Smurf Week kickoff ceremony at Smurfs Village at Central Park on Monday.

5: Lang Lang performs during the iTunes Festival on Monday in London.

6: A svelte Kirstie Alley arrives for the "Late Show With David Letterman" on Monday.



7: Tony Bennett performs at the Palms Casino Resort on Sunday in Las Vegas. Bennett will release his new album, "Duets II," in September.

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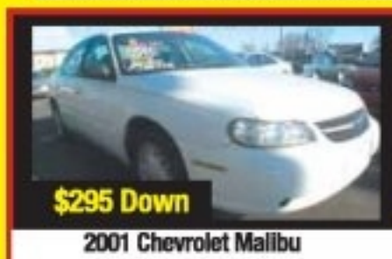

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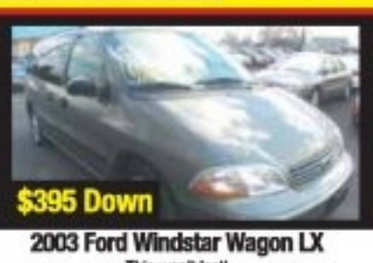

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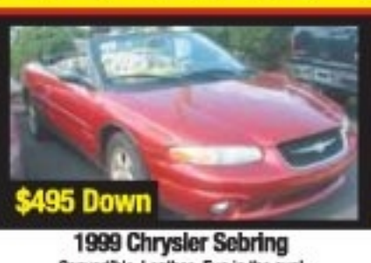

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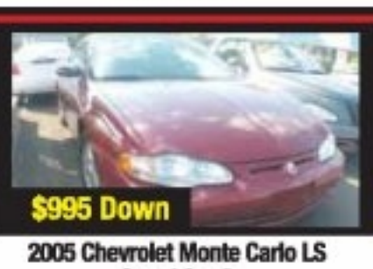

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The weapon

George Washington's Colichemarde

Time period it was used/people who used it: 1680 to 1820. This was George Washington's inaugural sword. It's one of the few combination swords that works well. It is a small sword, but works well in defense of heavier weapons. You have a wide section of blade near the handle where you can deflect a heavy weapon, but you can use the thin, sharp tip of the weapon for a longer range thrust.
Level of difficulty to make: Extremely high. Grinding a blade that thin without ruining the temper of the blade is difficult.
Level of difficulty to wield: This sword should be used by an expert swordsman — it takes a lot of study to use. It's not a cutting sword, but a point-oriented sword.
Deadly factor: In the hands of the right person, very. It's an incredibly fast weapon with a long pedigree.

The weapon

Hernan Cortes' Spanish Halberd or Albarada

Time period it was used/people who used it: It's designed for multiple uses. The tip is used for holding people off and stabbing at a distance with the long point at the front; the axe edge is for cutting or hacking when you're fighting someone with armor. The hook on the back is used to pull people from their feet or down from horseback.
Level of difficulty to wield: It's a big weapon, so that's the major downfall — in confined spaces, you can hold someone off, but you can't do much more than that.
Deadly factor: Weapons like this have been used for hundreds of years — if it's lasted that long, it means it's pretty deadly and effective.

The weapon

Gurkha Kukri

Time period it was used/people who used it: Used by the Gurkhas; Second World War
Level of difficulty to make: I made it in traditional fashion, so it was pretty tough because I needed it to be exactly right.
Level of difficulty to wield: This weapon isn't hard to use at all. It's a tool for getting up close and personal, and it's more of a cutting/slashing weapon as opposed to a stabbing weapon. Its design gives it a very powerful cut; the blade has a bit of a forward lean to it.
Deadly factor: Extremely, in the hands of the Gurkhas. In a famous battle in the Khyber Pass, the Gurkhas fought off the Afghans and British with only these knives, as they refused to use their gunpowder charges after they learned it was dipped in pig fat.

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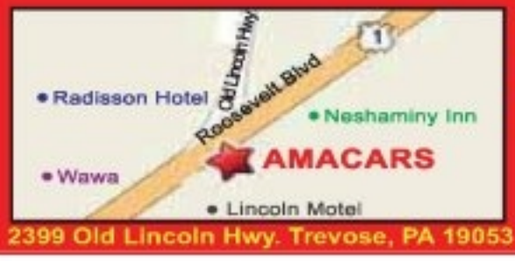

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Cons: Since it's so hydrating, it might exacerbate oily skin.

2: Perricone MD No Sun Tanner, $65, www.perriconemd.com
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▶ If you spend a lot of time underwater, get yourself a pair of goggles.

Hot summer health questions answered

Why do mosquitoes pick and choose their victims? Troubled by swimmer's ear? Metro asked Dr. Joshua M. Kosowsky, clinical director at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital's ER, about common summer health problems.

Why do mosquitoes bite certain people and not others?
No one really knows. Scientists have suggested that mosquitoes are attracted to higher body temperatures, higher levels of carbon dioxide in the breath or even certain blood types.

What exactly is swimmer's ear and what can people do to prevent it?
Swimmer's ear is inflammation of the outer ear, caused by water getting trapped in the ear canal. You can usually keep this from happening by turning your head from side to side until any sense of fullness or hearing impairment is gone. It is especially important to not put anything (like a Q-tip) into the ear canal itself, because this can damage the lining of the ear canal and cause more inflammation.

What's the best thing to put on sunburned skin?
There are no topical agents that have been shown to speed recovery, but aloe vera can help with sunburn symptoms. Cool soaks with Burow's solution (available in drugstores), or with equal parts milk and water, can also provide temporary relief.

Q&A

Can swimming with your eyes open underwater cause damage?

▶ Prolonged exposure to any kind of water will have the effect of drying out your eyes, which is irritating. There's no long-term eye damage from swimming occasionally with your eyes open. Still, if you are swimming regularly, it's a good idea to use swim goggles.

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Today in medicine

Height and female cancer risks

Study subjects: 1.3 million middle-aged women
Location of study: U.K.
Results: CNN reports that, according to a new study published in the journal Lancet: "The taller a woman is, the greater her risk of developing one of 10 different cancers." Quoting the Oxford University study, the article says: "The tallest group (women 5-foot-9 or taller) were 37 percent more likely to develop cancer than the shortest group (women 5-foot and shorter) regardless of factors such as age, socioeconomic status, body-mass index and amount of physical activity."
Significance: CNN quoted the report as concluding, "Taller people have more cells, and thus a greater opportunity for mutations leading to malignant transformation."

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▶ The girl on the right may have an advantage when it comes to her health.

Simple steps to avoid Alzheimer's

Study subjects: Various adults
Location of study: Global
Results: MSNBC reports: "Up to half of Alzheimer's disease cases worldwide are potentially attributable to seven preventable risk factors. ... Cases could be reduced if people quit smoking, increased their physical activity, enhanced their mental activity, controlled their blood pressure/diabetes and managed their obesity and depression."
Significance: "While these seven factors may contribute to the development of Alzheimer's, none of the factors have been shown to cause the disease," the article concluded.

Circumcision and HIV infection

Study subjects: Adult males
Location of study: Africa
Results: "A circumcision campaign in a South African township cut new HIV infections among the treated men by 76 percent," reports The Los Angeles Times. "The simple operation provides a way to make major inroads in the HIV transmission rate in countries where the infection rate is very high."
Significance: Circumcision may be a cheap, effective way to control the spread of HIV/AIDS.

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Not a game, Mr. President

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JACOB J. TAYLOR, VIA E-MAIL

Hypocrisy in our midst

I do not appreciate how businesses are trying to gain profit off of same-sex couples. All I see are advertisements for LGBT honeymoons, wedding items, cards, etc. Where was the support before?
DIANE BITLER, VIA E-MAIL

The holy rollers opposed to gay marriage have filed a lawsuit to "Prop 8" New York's new law. How do these people justify the money they will need to spend on their latest attempt to crush civil rights of others?
ROBERT C. YUKNAVECH, VIA E-MAIL

According to the Bible, "God" doesn't want gay marriage. I find that interesting because "God" also doesn't want people to steal, cheat or kill — yet every news story I've read this weekend has had religious people doing exactly those things.
NICK LEDESMA, VIA E-MAIL

Believe what you want

RE: "WHY ARE MY VIEWS SO SMALL?": Everyone is entitled to their opinions and how they want to live their lives. Believe in what you want, just don't meddle in my business.
MARC BATISTA, VIA E-MAIL

You're comparing commitment to sex, and they are two different things. Marriage does not mean "procreation." You can have kids outside of marriage, and married couples can choose not to procreate.
TIM MALLOY, VIA E-MAIL

Letters reflect your beliefs

RE: "SOME BACKLASH FROM THE RIGHT": In regard to the Metro being a Marxist or a Democratic Party rag, Metro puts a few Democratic views in one day and a few Republican views in the next.
MIKE DISCOLO SAUGUS, VIA E-MAIL

The joke's on all of us

I find it hilarious that W. Bush tricked the entire country into forming "Homeland Security" and Republicans complain about "big government."
JON HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Someone you recently met is unable to make up his or her mind about you. Make sure that person sees someone who'll be a friend.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The one time when you should let your heart rule your head is when you're contemplating doing something charitable. Think of it as an opportunity.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You might want to take a little extra time to preen and primp if you're going to a social function. There is a good chance you'll run into someone you'd like to impress.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It isn't likely that you'll have to do anything special in a romantic involvement that includes a bit of competition. Be yourself; Cupid has your back.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Think of anything foreign as an opportunity waiting to be developed. There's a good chance you'll be more fortunate with goods and/or people who come from a distance.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Don't be reluctant to make your needs known, because for no special reason at all, people who like you will be eager to do you a favor and help you out as best as they can.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you've been too busy of late to be as attentive or affectionate to your mate or special someone, it's a good day to make amends and do something nice for that person.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Working on a labor of love could turn out to be enormously gratifying for you. Don't waste your time on dumb things that don't offer rewards.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Get all the messy stuff out of the way early, so that you'll be able to get out later on. You can only stay in one place for so long.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you want to invite some friends over, you'd be better off doing so in either late afternoon or early evening. By then, most people have gotten the important stuff out of the way.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Get off of your hammock or out of your easy chair and move around as much as possible. You're one of those people who need physical activities to make you feel peppy.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You're in a cycle, albeit brief, where your financial and material aspects are likely to be advanced. You could even receive something of value from a person who likes you a lot.
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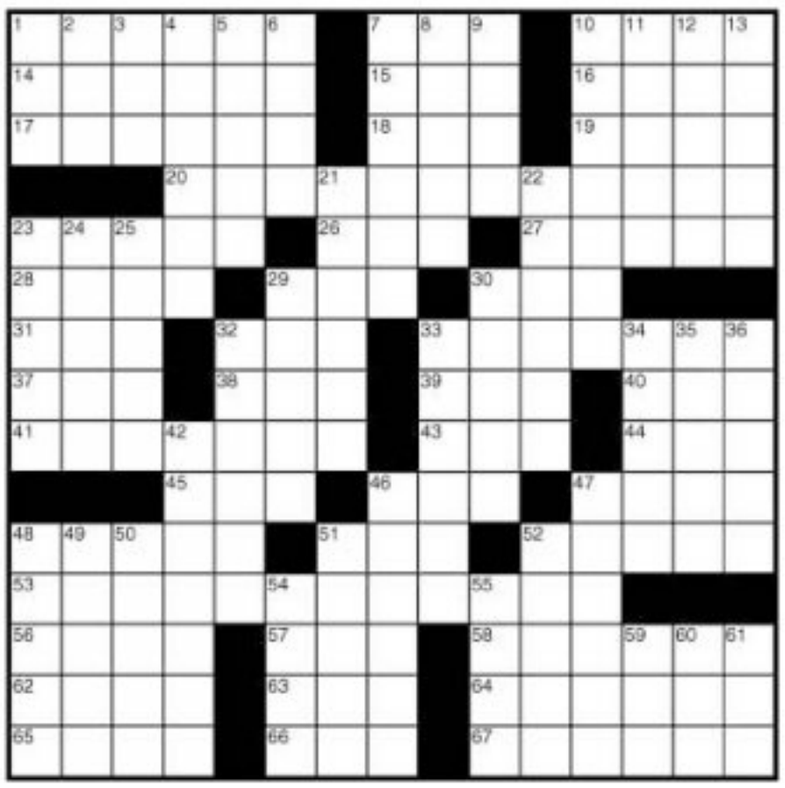

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Phillies aiming for perfect team

Amaro quiet as deadline approaches • Manuel still wants to get better • Looking for someone to 'mash'

Between now and Sunday, Ruben Amaro Jr. will be attached to a cell phone. Names will be discussed. Scenarios will be talked about. It's trading season.

Last season, the Phillies added Roy Oswalt. The year before, it was Cliff Lee.

Even though the Phillies own the best record in the majors, they'll surely try to improve before the July 31 nonwaiver trade deadline. Rumors have been floating about relief pitchers Heath Bell and Mike Adams. On offense, Houston's Hunter Pence, New York's Carlos Beltran and Oakland's Josh Willingham would certainly enhance the lineup.

Before last night's game, the Phillies GM took a break from his busy schedule to discuss the state of the ballclub. When it came to trade rumors and specific players, Amaro said, "I'm not going to discuss it."

But Phils skipper Charlie Manuel wasn't too shy in offering his opinions.

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▶ Worley is 7-1.

"I want to get better," Manuel said. "We might wind up with a perfect team. That's what this game is all about."

They haven't had that consistent right-handed bat since losing Jayson Werth.

"I want a guy who's a good hitter, and I want somebody who can mash and definitely help our lineup," Manuel said.

Stay tuned. Cell phones will certainly be buzzing over the next five days.

Phils 7, Giants 2

Three things we saw last night at the ballpark:

1 Sure Barry Zito started, but winning was still a confidence booster after last year's six-game loss to the Giants in the NLCS.

2 Phils ripped four homers, a three-run shot by Raul Ibanez, a solo homer by John Mayberry Jr., an inside-the-park homer by Chase Utley and a solo shot by Ryan Howard.

3 Vance Worley improved to 7-1 and worked his first complete game. He allowed only a first-inning run and a solo shot by Aaron Rowand.

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Vick ready for first camp as team leader, embraces new role ◗ Looks to deliver first Super Bowl title for Birds ◗ Camp opens today at Lehigh University ◗ Head back home Aug. 17

Gone camping

The Eagles released their training camp schedule yesterday. Here is what to watch this week:

- **Today**
  All players report. Andy Reid addresses media.
- **Friday**
  First practices: 8:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m. (closed to fans)
- **Saturday**
  8:05 a.m., then 2:45 p.m. (open to fans). LBs and TEs will be signing autographs.
- **Sunday**
  8:05 a.m., then 2 p.m. (open to fans). RBs will be signing autographs.
- **Monday**
  8:05 a.m., then 2:45 p.m. (open to fans). Offensive linemen sign autographs.
- **Tuesday**
  Off day for players.
- **Aug. 3**
  8:05 a.m., then 2 p.m.

**Admission, parking is free. Fans are permitted on campus starting at 6:30 a.m.*
***All afternoon practices are walkthroughs this year.*

At this time last year, Michael Vick was preparing to hold a clipboard. How quickly things change in South Philadelphia.

Now, the reigning Comeback Player of the Year is talking about contract extensions and delivering the Eagles their first Super Bowl championship. The quest to Indianapolis begins today at Lehigh University, where the Eagles open their first training camp under Vick's leadership.

"I'm ready to take it to the next level," Vick told reporters yesterday. "It's more pressure, but that's what I thrive off, and that's what comes with being a quarterback and being a great one. That's what I'm on a quest for — not only for myself, but also the other guys in that locker room."

The Eagles will have to pack a lot into a short span, as they have exactly 15 days to prepare for their first preseason game. Vick organized a handful of informal workouts during the lockout, mostly working on passing drills with his receivers and running backs.

"It's been a long wait. I can't wait to get back to work," said running back LeSean McCoy.

With that all in the rearview mirror, it's time for the players to get on the same page as the coaches. Especially on the defensive side of the ball, as Juan Castillo takes over as the new defensive coordinator.

"It's going to be tough as far as learning the plays," said linebacker Jamar Chaney. "As far as me being in shape, that's not a problem."

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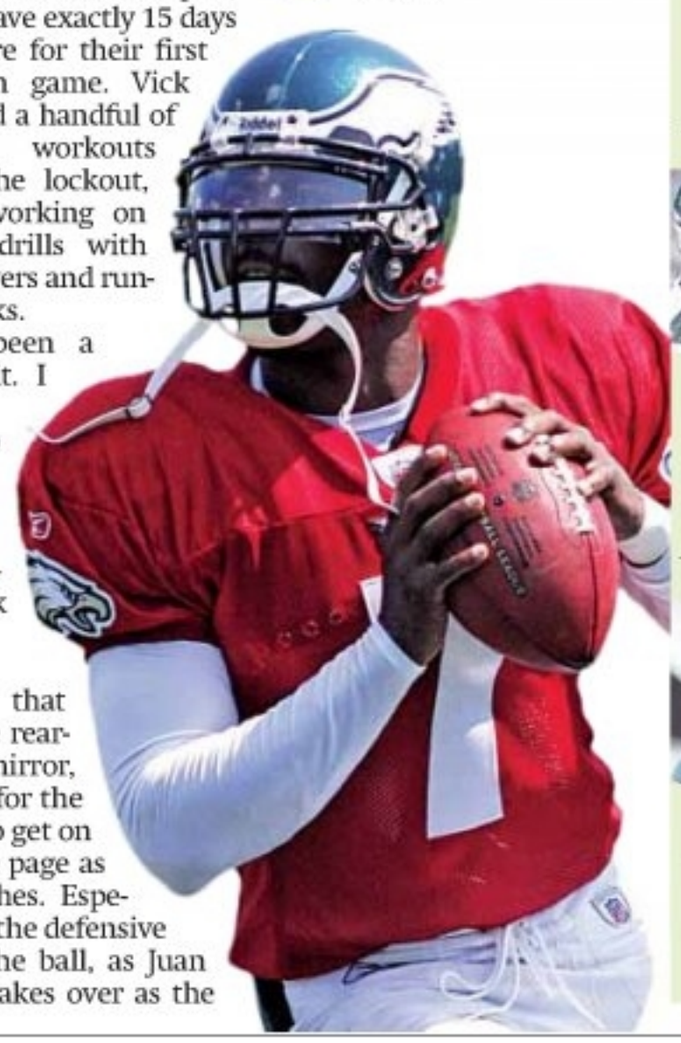

Roster breakdown

Casey Matthews
LB
Rookie gets immediate boost before even stepping foot on the practice field. With Stewart Bradley out, has chance to start at weakside, if Jamar Chaney takes middle.

Brandon Graham
DE
Last year's No. 1 pick underwent microfracture surgery on knee and will start on IR. Rumors are that Ray Edwards will be signed. Graham could lose his spot due to injury.

Kurt Coleman
S
The starting strong safety job is his to lose with Quintin Mikell out of the picture. Coleman was impressive in a fill-in role last year, and there aren't many other options.

Winston Justice
T
Starting right tackle has the most to prove after an up-and-down 2010 season. There is already talk that left guard Todd Herremans will slide over to tackle, if Justice struggles.

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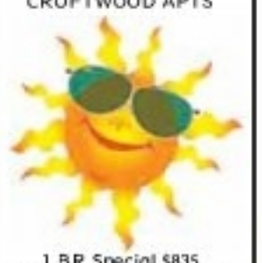

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Possible Jackson holdout lingers over Eagles camp

- Receiver still unhappy with rookie deal, looking for long-term security
- Will he show up at Lehigh today?
- Vick trusts God with the situation

Most NFL players are excited to be back. Most players aren't DeSean Jackson.

The Eagles receiver is entering the final year of a rookie deal that pays him about $560,000. Apparently, it's unclear whether Jackson will show when training camp opens today at Lehigh University.

"Hopefully he'll be here," said quarterback Michael Vick, who spoke with Jackson Monday. "DeSean just has to think about it and has some decisions to make that only himself can make."

On Monday, Jackson posted the following Twitter message, "Ok ok ok ok ok ok ok ok ok ok!! FOOTBALL IS BAC LET'S GET IT!! YA HEARD MEEEEH!!"

Jackson referenced his own tweet yesterday, after ESPN's Jim Rome displayed it on his TV show, posting "nice read" via Twitter.

Jackson's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, didn't return calls yesterday. Another one of Rosenhaus' clients, Terrell Owens, famously held out in 2005.

"Just being realistic about the situation, it's all in what DeSean wants," Vick said. METRO/MG

Vick's deal ...

Vick is playing under a one-year franchise tender. The Eagles have until Sept. 20 to sign the quarterback to a contract extension.

"I put that totally in the hands of God and this organization to make that happen," said Vick. "My main priority right now is to be the best football player I can be."

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Report: Bradley, Mikell given walking papers

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▶ Many Eagles fans expected a negotiation with Bradley.

What happened to the flurry of activity set to hit the NFL like a typhoon?

While most teams went about scouring for rookies and re-signing their own free agents, the Eagles were relatively quiet.

Kevin Kolb is still an Eagle (although sources have said a deal to Arizona is still in the works). Ray Edwards is still a Viking (although veteran free agents can't sign until Friday). And DeSean Jackson and Michael Vick still don't have new deals.

The biggest news came from a Philadelphia Inquirer report, which said the Eagles will not pursue Stewart Bradley, Quintin Mikell, Sav Rocca and Jerome Harrison. If true — the Eagles weren't available for comment — it's not a total shock.

Mikell seemed to know his time was up, following a tearful exit interview after last season. But the team was expected to negotiate with Bradley. With Bradley gone, the Eagles will have to look to free agency for a starting middle linebacker or hand the job over to Jamar Chaney.

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"It's like a backyard. It's laid back, it's not 'see and be seen,'" says Gayle Christiansen, who works for Project H.O.M.E. and rents an apartment a few blocks from the park in Washington Square West, or "Wash West."

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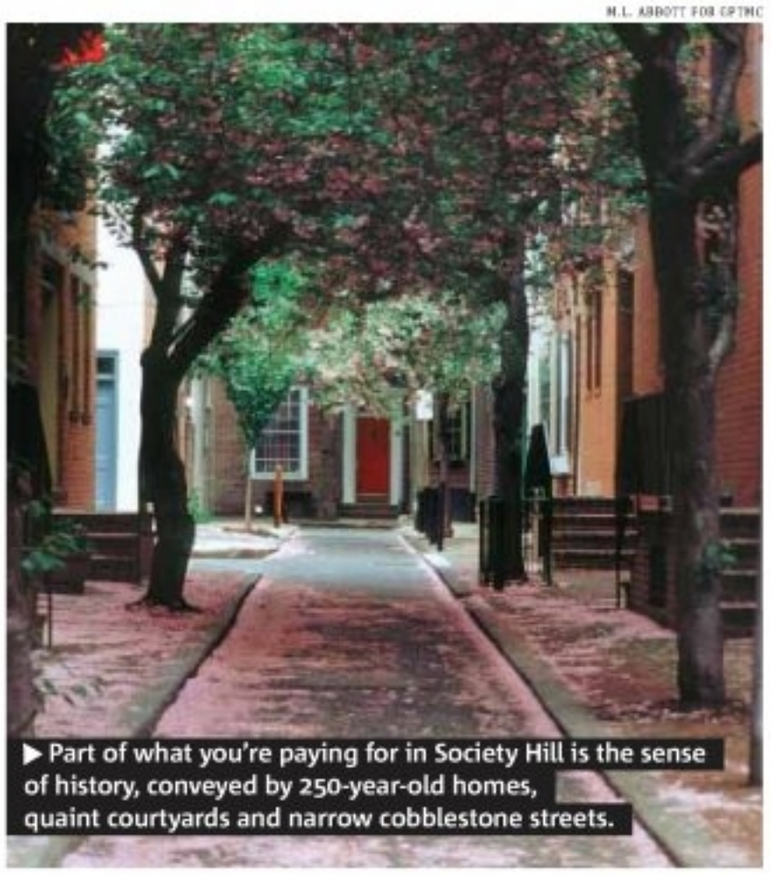

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"[Wash West is] a great place to have a dog," says Christiansen, who takes her dog, Bug, for strolls through the park. For residents with canine companions, the neighborhood also offers:

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- **Supplies:** Litterpaw (267 S. 10th St.) or Doggie Style (114 S. 13th St.)
- **Doggie day care:** Dog School (236 S. 11th St.)
- **Playtime:** Seger Dog Park (11th and Rodman)

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Wash West is, appropriately, the neighborhood immediately west of the park, running from Seventh to 13th streets and from South to Chestnut, though realtor Antonio Atacan of Keller Williams Center City divides even that small area into two sections: swankier Washington Square up to 11th, and then cheaper Wash West making up the rest.

To keep it confusing, the area also includes two overlapping 'hoods: the Gayborhood and Midtown Village, both filled with trendy shops, restaurants and bars.

On the other side of the park, going down to Front Street and between Walnut and Lombard, is Society Hill.

"Society Hill is more Boston. Washington Square is more New York," says Atacan, a Society Hill resident. "There are tiny blocks in Society Hill that feel like you're in the suburbs. In Washington Square, you're in the middle of the action."

That action attracts a younger, hipper crowd — who probably couldn't afford Society Hill anyway. "If a buyer wants to spend $400,000, in Society Hill they might find a tiny condo, if that," Atacan says. "In Washington Square, $400,000 can get you something bigger and more modern."

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Rent-friendly

With its high-rise apartments, restaurants and laundromats, Wash West is attractive to younger residents who are looking to rent in the area. "It's post-student, pre-homeownership," explains Christiansen. "It seems like there are a lot of renters here, and then the next stop is buying."

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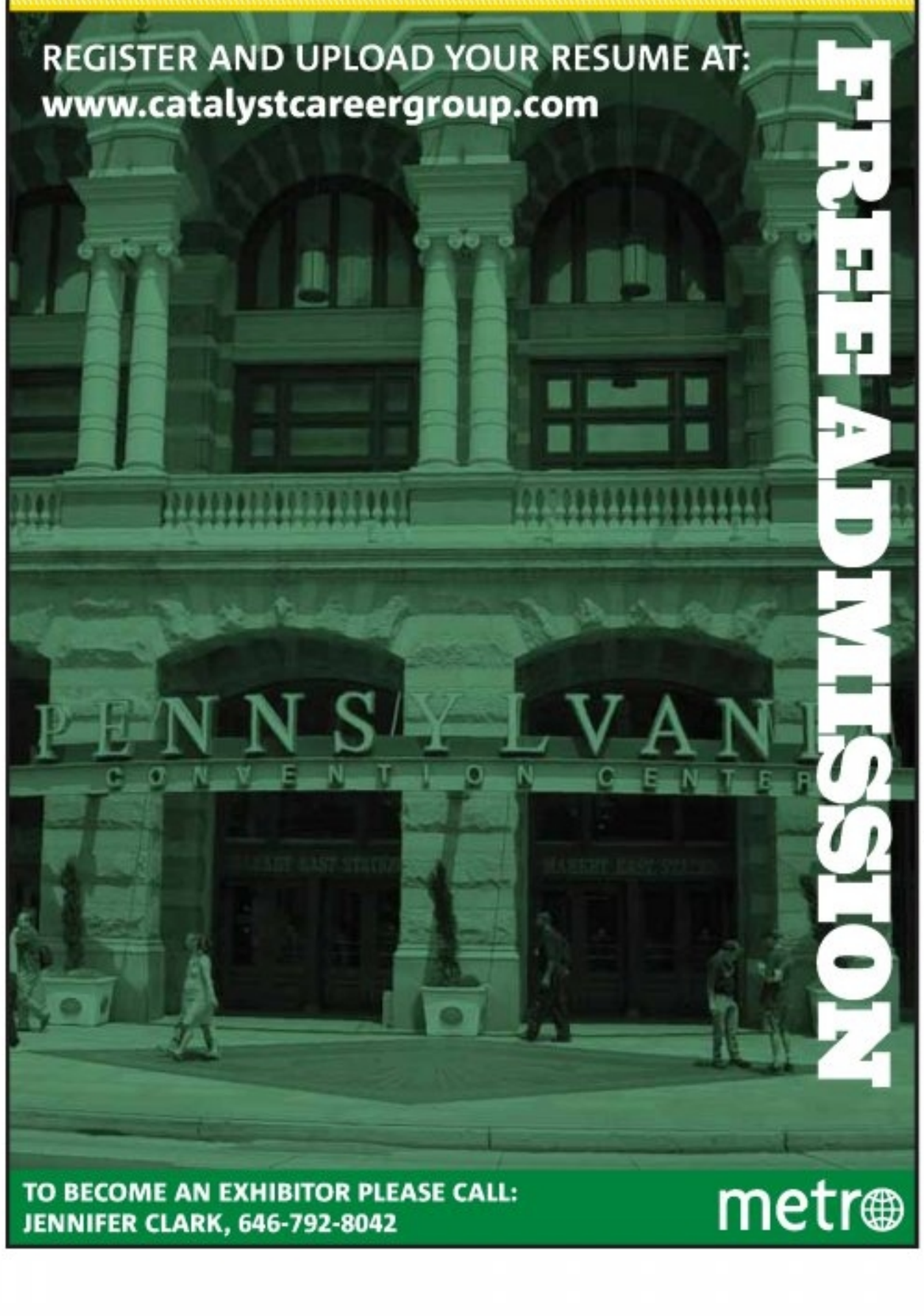

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Miami

Mark Diaz, 33

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Atlanta

Doug Hines, 44

"Decorating in my city, Atlanta, is especially fun when you take advantage of the warm climate. I purchased my brick and stucco ranch (built in 1950) four years ago. The lines and architecture is very modern for a 1950 design. I even have pink flamingos on my lawn for a retro, whimsical touch! I had the house painted all white to convey a tropical, mid-century vibe."

Dallas

Leslie Ezelle, 43

"The home is a 1950s ranch-style home, extremely common in Dallas. The kitchen was redone to go back to the L-shaped format [for which] these ranch-style homes are known. This kitchen is reconfigured from a bar that protruded into the space to an open floor plan to increase the working space. New quartz counter-tops with metallic-gray cabinets give the kitchen a contemporary look."

Brooklyn

Cathy Hobbs, 42

"Often in New York, apartments come as a blank canvas — a white box with white walls. I believe in infusing bold, brilliant color as much as possible. So in my own master bedroom, I painted all of the walls pumpkin orange, my signature color, and then paired it with crisp, bright white and chocolate brown. My advice is to select only your favorite things and seek inspiration there."

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Urban living from coast to coast

Contestants on this season's 'HGTV Design Star' show off their own spaces and tell us how their style is influenced by their hometown

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Kevin Grace, 42

"As a designer, one of the most influential opportunities one can have is to live in a metropolitan city like Chicago. There are many different places I like to go to be inspired. If I was to sum up 'How does Chicago influence my design style,' I would have to say it's by far the architecture. 'Old mixed with new' is the basis for my design approach in almost everything I create."

Local color

While filming, the 12 "HGTV Design Star" contestants stayed in the $7.25 million triplex penthouse in Brooklyn, New York's One Brooklyn Bridge Park. The 4,638-square-foot, waterfront property boasts a private elevator to each floor, a rooftop deck and 360-degree views of Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan, plus access to the building's yoga room, media lounge and virtual driving range.

"One Brooklyn Bridge Park was the perfect place for a show about interior design," says Robert Levine, CEO of RAL Companies, the building's developer. "The homes in One Brooklyn, and the penthouse in particular, epitomize great design and were an inspiration for the finalists."

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